

## **Small Group Discussion Questions Cherokee County**

What is occurring in your communities which addresses these responsibilities and areas for action?

- In – touch program ( on line access to grades)
- Schoolnotes.com (communication to parenst)
- 4K programs in all elem. Schools
- collaboration with Med Start and private providers
- PTO's
- Strong recruitment of teachers
- Add –lou
- Clemson create- special needs “grow our own”
- Limestone college partnership
- PACE program
- School to work
- Career/ tech works with businesses
- Renaissance program in High School / business programs in high schools
- EEDA

What are the critical barriers to fulfilling the commitment in your community?

- Parent apathy
- Better communication from schools
- Can't reach all 4 yr. olds
- Parent involvement in middle and high schools.
- Serving families
- Homebound programs
- Administration turnover
- New teachers not staying
- highly competitive
- flexibility (hours) with pace program
- alternative paths to employment

List the five most important things your community can do to address the responsibilities of Common Ground.

- (encourage) address students responsibility-involving student ambassadors.
- Engage faith community- huge resource
- Assess resources and make sure they are doing the most good. Find what's effective.
- Expand alternative ways to help children's success.
- Educate parents its alright to go down alternative path.

List the five most important things you as an individual can do to address the responsibilities of Common Ground.